

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims Status

Claims 5 and 18 are pending and have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-4, 6-17, 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been entered.

Rejection based on *Tomiyama*

Claims 3, 4, 10, 11 and 19 are rejected as obvious in view of *Tomiyama* (US 4,631,292). As noted above, these claims have been canceled; therefore this rejection has been rendered moot. It is further noted that this rejection has not been applied to currently pending claims 5 and 18.

Non-Statutory Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 3-5, 10, 11, 18 and 19 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Application No. 11/575,255.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Application No. 11/575,255. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome.

Conclusion


For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that all now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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